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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FINDINGS AND ORDERS OF THE BUILDING REHABILITATION
APPEALS BOARD
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board which provide for abatement of public nuisance at the following locations for approval:

9131 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles
2425 East 109th Street, Los Angeles
2029 East 117th Street, Los Angeles
4300 East Compton Boulevard, Compton
2223 East Oris Street, Compton

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Building Code, provides for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures contained in Chapter 99. The Building Code also provides for a Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board, appointed by your Board, for the purpose of hearing appeals on matters concerning public nuisances.

Government Code Section 25845 requires that the property owners be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board and be heard prior to abatement of the nuisance by the County. However, your Board adopted modified procedures which delegated the required hearing to the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board with the requirement that the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board make a written recommendation to your Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Children and Families' Well-Being as it provides services to the public that have a wide-reaching positive effect on the entire community. The action will provide for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions which constitute a public nuisance. It will require the repair or demolition of substandard structures and the removal of trash, junk, debris, inoperable vehicles, and overgrown vegetation from private property.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

No negative fiscal impact or increase in net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board has conducted the required hearing for the properties listed below. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board considered all competent evidence and testimony offered by all persons pertaining to the matters of substandard properties. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding of facts in the matter and declared the following properties to be a public nuisance.

Your Board may either adopt these findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board without further notice of hearing or may set the matter for a de novo hearing before your Board.

ADDRESS: 9131 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles

FINDING AND ORDERS: The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by July 16, 2004, and maintained cleared thereafter. (b) That the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by July 16, 2004.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. The building is open and accessible to juveniles and transients and is a health, fire, and safety hazard to the adjacent community. The building or structure must be secured or closed forthwith so as to prevent unauthorized persons from gaining access thereto.
3. Doors and windows are broken.
4. Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.
5. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.
6. Trash and junk scattered about the premises.

ADDRESS: 2425 East 109th Street, Los Angeles

FINDING AND ORDERS: The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by July 16, 2004, and maintained cleared thereafter. (b) That permits to repair be obtained by August 5, 2004, or the structure(s) be demolished by August 5, 2004. Demolition includes the removal of all foundations, slabs, walks, driveways, debris, and the proper abandonment of any sewer or sewage disposal system.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. The building is dilapidated, apparently abandoned, and fire damaged.
3. The building was open, accessible to children, and existed as a fire hazard and a threat to public safety and welfare, until it was barricaded, as requested by the Sheriff's and the Fire Department.
4. The exterior walls are fire damaged.
5. Doors and windows are broken
6. The roof covering is fire damaged.
7. The roof sags and supports are inadequate.
8. The interior walls are fire damaged.
9. The ceiling joists and covering are fire damaged.
10. The required heating appliance is damaged and inoperable.
11. The electrical service is unsafe due to fire damage.
12. Fixtures and receptacle outlets are damaged and unsafe.
13. The dwelling lacks hot and cold running water to the required plumbing fixtures.
14. The dwelling lacks kitchen facilities.
15. The premises contain attractive nuisances dangerous to children, i.e., abandoned or broken equipment, furniture, garbage cans, appliances, and junk.
16. Portions of the interior of the building were not accessible for inspection; therefore, additional defects may be found when an interior inspection is made.

ADDRESS: 2029 East 117th Street, Los Angeles

FINDING AND ORDERS: The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following order: That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by July 16, 2004, and maintained cleared thereafter.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.
3. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
4. Trash and junk scattered about the premises.
5. Garbage cans and packing crates stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.

ADDRESS: 4300 East Compton Boulevard, Compton

FINDING AND ORDERS: The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) That permits to repair be obtained by August 5, 2004, or the unpermitted structure(s) be demolished by August 5, 2004. (b) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by July 16, 2004, and maintained cleared thereafter. Demolition includes the removal of all foundations, slabs, walks, driveways, debris, and the proper abandonment of any sewer or sewage disposal system.

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1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.

2. The windows in the bedrooms are nonconforming.
3. The electrical service is unsafe and noncomplying.
4. The waste, vent, and water piping are damaged and insanitary.
5. The premises contain attractive nuisances dangerous to children, i.e., abandoned or broken equipment, furniture, garbage cans, and junk.
6. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.

Portions of the interior of the building were not accessible for inspection; therefore, additional defects may be found when an interior inspection is made.

ADDRESS: 2223 East Oris Street, Compton

FINDING AND ORDER: The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders (a) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by July 16, 2004, and maintained cleared thereafter. (b) That permits to repair be obtained by August 5, 2004, or the structure(s) be demolished by August 5, 2004. Demolition includes the removal of all foundations, slabs, walks, driveways, debris, and the proper abandonment of any sewer or sewage disposal system.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.
3. Trash and junk scattered about the premises.
4. Miscellaneous wood or building material scattered about the premises.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board confirmed the County Building Official's findings that the listed properties are substandard because they are injurious to health, offensive to the senses, and obstruct the free use of neighboring property so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

At such time as this recommendation is adopted, please return an approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel